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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: RALPH B. LILLY, M.D., *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 10/803,259

ART UNIT: 3626

FILED: 18 MARCH 2004

EXAMINER: NAJARIAN, LENA

FOR: "CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE TRACKING SYSTEM AND METHOD"

**STATUS INQUIRY**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

ATTN: GROUP DIRECTOR, GROUP 3626 (M.P.E.P., § 1002.02(c))

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Sir:

One of the applicants, Doctor Ralph B. Lilly, is now over seventy (70) years old.

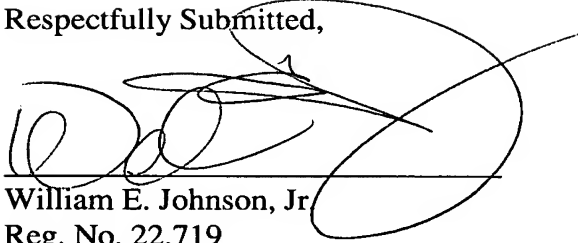
I have enclosed a copy of the most recent Petition to Make Special which was filed on March 14, 2006, which itself refers to the Original Petition dated June 18, 2002.

I have also enclosed the document mailed from the USPTO on April 11, 2006, granting the Petition to Make Special, which as its last paragraph indicates that the matter is being referred to the Technology Center Art Unit 3626 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

It is almost fifteen (15) months since this petition was granted.

Without any attempt to be humorous, it is not uncommon for applicants who are in their seventies (70's) to die. The undersigned would appreciate having an indication when an office action will be issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. E. Johnson, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

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